

TRIBUTE TO GERTRUDE "TRUDY"  
HILL ON HER RETIREMENT

**HON. ESTEBAN EDWARD TORRES**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 6, 1995*

Mr. TORRES. Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues assembled to join me in congratulating Gertrude "Trudy" Hill, an outstanding American, for her dedication to public service. Trudy has served the city of Whittier as the city clerk-treasurer since 1981.

Her expertise and knowledge of local government earned her election to the executive board of the Southern California Clerks Association for 5 consecutive years. She served as president in 1985 and 1986. As president, she initiated an annual strategic planning session for board members to develop a mission statement, as well as short- and long-term goals. She also helped increase scholarship funds for her State association's annual conference.

Her long list of service includes membership on the board of directors of the city clerks department for the league of California Cities, where she also served as president. For the past 18 years, Trudy served on seven committees of the International Institute of Municipal Clerks and currently chairs the Resource Center Committee.

Trudy proudly credits her mother as her No. 1 role model and mentor. She says her mother bestowed upon her strong determination and the belief that all things are possible. To achieve her goals, Trudy seeks a balance in her life. A love for her work, seeing her staff develop as they are presented new challenges, helping her community through church and the YMCA and spending time with her family. Trudy is a 10-year member of Soroptimist International of Whittier, a charter member of YMCA of Whittier, an annual participant in the Employee Art Show and an active member of Our Saviour Lutheran Church.

Mr. Speaker, yesterday her colleagues at the city of Whittier honored her at a luncheon. I ask my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to Gertrude "Trudy" Hill for her commitment to her community and wishing her a wonderful retirement.

SALUTE TO MRS. RUBY RITTER  
JENKINS

**HON. THOMAS M. FOGLIETTA**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 6, 1995*

Mr. FOGLIETTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise to salute Mrs. Ruby Ritter Jenkins, whose 100th birthday will be celebrated on September 29, 1995.

Mrs. Jenkins, born on September 29, 1895, is a long-time resident of Philadelphia, whose birthday will be celebrated by the Second Macedonia Baptist Church on September 23, 1995. Mrs. Jenkins is the proud mother of the Reverend Thomas J. Ritter, pastor of the Second Macedonia Baptist Church. Throughout her years, Mrs. Jenkins has been an invaluable member of the church in many capacities including the nurses unit, the deaconesses, president of the Missionary Society, a member of the church choir, a teacher of vacation bible

school, and as a Sunday School teacher for over 35 years. In addition, Mrs. Jenkins has represented the church as a member and delegate to the Pennsylvania State Baptist Convention for over 50 years. Mrs. Jenkins has been an enthusiastic leader for church functions and fund raisers in the Philadelphia community.

In addition to her many church activities, Mrs. Jenkins is a strong advocate for voters rights. She has worked tirelessly at the voting polls for many years and always encouraged and persuaded persons to exercise their right to vote. Her strong civic and family commitments, as well as her determination to help others in the community is an inspiration to us all.

Mr. Speaker, I join with the Rev. Thomas J. Ritter, the congregation of Second Macedonia Baptist Church, and the friends of Mrs. Jenkins in wishing her a very happy 100th birthday.

DEFENDING EQUAL OPPORTUNITY  
ON THE PLAYING FIELDS

**HON. TOM LANTOS**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, I invite my colleagues to join me in condemning the meanspirited and utterly sexist provision in the Labor-HHS appropriations bill which would begin to reverse decades of progress in the march to gender equality in our Nation. The current majority's recent attack on title IX, the landmark law that opened the door to women's participation in school sports, cannot go uncriticized even though it was slipped into the debate just before this August recess. I draw my colleagues' attention to the following excellent and pointed, August 7, 1995, editorial by the San Francisco Chronicle, entitled "Equal Opportunity On The Playing Fields," which, unfortunately, could not be entered into the RECORD before the recess. I offer that editorial now, and urge my colleagues to reconsider the Congress' current path which would reverse hard-won gains in equal opportunity for female athletes.

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY ON THE PLAYING FIELDS

Tucked in the ugly social spending cuts package approved by the House of Representatives last week is the first salvo in a war against Title IX, the landmark 1972 law that opened a long-closed door to young women who had been denied participation in school sports.

The meanspirited appropriations measure includes restrictions on Medicaid abortions, funding cuts for Head Start, prohibitions on lobbying by nonprofit groups, limits on the authority of the Occupational Health and Safety Administration and the National Labor Relations Board and termination of subsidies that help the poor pay their utility bills.

By a voice vote, the House added an amendment calling for a review of Title IX, which bars sex discrimination by schools and colleges receiving federal funds and requires that both sexes have an equal opportunity to participate in school sports.

The law has come under fire from some newly powerful House conservatives who are sympathetic to coaches who say they are forced to cut back on men's programs in order to comply with the law. This trans-

parent effort at scapegoating women's sports and enfeebling gender equity in college athletics should be squelched before it gets lost in the maze of frenetic congressional activity.

Millions of American women can attest to the difference the '70s law has made in their lives. Contrast the existence of pre-Title IX mothers left out of organized sports in their high school and college years to their daughters, whose lives were immeasurably changed and enriched because they were offered more athletic opportunities.

The same development of confidence, fitness, perseverance and social skills that boys enjoyed for so many decades through sports programs was finally accessible—even if on a much smaller scale—to girls. In addition, like boys who play sports, girls who play sports are more likely to graduate from high school.

Title IX clearly has opened doors. In the years since the gender equity law was enacted, women's participation in college athletics has ballooned. Participation in young women's high school and college competitive sports has increased from about 300,000 to more than 2 million.

But even after 23 years, equity is far from having been achieved. Compared with men, women in Division I—big-time sports colleges—receive less than one-third of athletic scholarship dollars, one-sixth of recruitment dollars and one-fifth of overall athletic budgets, even though they represent more than half of the student body.

Too many important rights are being surrendered in the name of congressional vigor. Hard-won equal opportunity for female athletes should not be one of them.

A TRIBUTE TO CHARLOTTE F.  
LEONARD, POETESS OF  
ROSEMEAD, CA

**HON. MATTHEW G. MARTINEZ**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 6, 1995*

Mr. MARTINEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Miss Charlotte Leonard, a resident of Rose Manor, California Christian Home in Rosemead, CA. Mrs. Leonard is the author of one of the most inspiring pieces of poetry that I have ever read. I commend to you, Mr. Speaker, and all of my fellow Members of Congress, both in this House and in the other body, her words:

THE CHAPEL IN THE DOME

(By Charlotte F. Leonard)

High in the dome of our Capitol  
Is the national altar of prayer  
By the light of a stained glass window  
A statesman is kneeling there

Inspired by the Holy Bible  
Open to the twenty-third Psalm  
High in the dome of this chapel  
Our statesman finds peace and calm.

In the center of the window  
In this room of blue and gold  
Kneels the figure of George Washington  
With seals above and below,  
And all around the ruby red glass  
The stars of our states, aglow.

The seven-branch candelabra  
Each side of the altar stand,  
With the flag of our country to the right,  
The flag of our own dear land.  
And the flowers so fair by the Bible there  
Speak of the Almighty's hand.  
Men of our state and our destiny